

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Jinbo (U.S. 6,473,226). Jinbo teaches the preparation of a doped silica glass by flame hydrolysis wherein the dopant is fluorine. Claim 1 of the present application has been amended to expressly recite that "at least titanium is used as a dopant". The preparation of a silica glass doped with titanium is believed to be patentably distinct from the preparation of a silica glass doped with fluorine only.

In addition, Claim 3 has been amended to recite that a further dopant comprising further elements may be added.

Accordingly, Claim 1 as well as those claims depend thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance.


Claims 2, 4 and 14 have been cancelled.

Finally, new independent Claim 26 has been added which recites that the silica glass is doped with a single element selected from the recited group which excludes fluorine. Accordingly, Claim 26 is also believed to define patentable subject matter.

The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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